

SATURDAY, MARCH 11, 1876.

## THE SPRING SETTLEMENT.

Immediately upon the opening of navigation there will doubtless be a large influx of new settlers and homesteaders to this place. During the autumn and winter just past there have been a large number of men looking over the country and taking up homesteads. Six or eight miles west of this place, in the vicinity of Douglas lake, can be found a large section of the most valuable farming lands in the state. Nearly every acre of this land has been taken by those who intend to settle upon and improve it. Upwards of one hundred families will be upon these lands as soon as possible after spring opens. A large number of them are from Northern Indiana, in the vicinity of Elkhart and South Bend. Another large colony is from the Soldiers' Home, in Dayton, Ohio, upon lands which we have heretofore noticed as being located by Col. Brown. This section of the country is naturally tributary to Cheboygan, and all their business will be transacted here if our merchants offer them the proper inducements. First impressions in all things go a great way, and this will not be an exception. Most of these new residents will arrive upon some of the first boats, probably quite a number of families together. Coming as they do from homes where they have had more comforts than they can expect to have in a new country, their wants in the way of trade may at first be few, and their expenditure of money small. Still they should be cordially met by our people, and whatever they require for their immediate wants should be supplied them at as low rates as possible. Many towns in the northern portion of the state have injured themselves seriously, and had their growth retarded by a shortsighted policy of taking advantage of the necessities of the new-comers and charging exorbitant prices for every thing they may require. This policy will run any town, and we would warn our merchants against it. Let these new-comers be satisfied with their treatment at our hands, and we are assured of their trade in the future. It will not do to act upon the basis that they must buy here any way, therefore we get our own prices. They may buy, but should they go away with the impression that they have been imposed upon, it does not take a prophet to foresee the subsequent result.

With this influx of new settlers comes a new era for the agricultural interests of this section of the state. These people come mostly from the richly developed and best managed agricultural regions of the west. That they will introduce in this country some of the elements of energy, economy and thrift which has made that section of the country almost as a garden spot, we have no doubt. With their coming we can almost expect a commencement of a new era in the farming business. It will take time of course for them to get their farms in condition for good crops, but it will be done in a manner that will surprise some of the earlier settlers of the country.

The development of the country is essential for the development of the village, therefore it behooves every one to encourage the settlement of the country by every means within their power.

## THE SAULT CANAL AND ITS SUPERINTENDENT.

A dispatch appeared in the Detroit Free Press of the 1st inst., in regard to the breaking away of the coffer dam, which was in process of construction at Sault Ste. Marie. This dispatch stated that all work was suspended; that the lower gates were partially destroyed, and that there was danger that navigation would be delayed until late in the spring. It also stated that the principal men at Sault Ste. Marie have publicly protested against the incompetency and mismanagement of the Superintendent.

This dispatch, in our opinion, does great injustice to Capt. Gorton, the Superintendent, and was evidently written by some one who had some spite to vent. We have not heard directly from the accident, the causes or effects, but we have enough confidence in the integrity and competence of Capt. Gorton, to venture an opinion that the accident was one unavoidable in its nature, and was not caused by incompetency.

This much we know; the work in question was surrounded with many difficulties which, under the most favorable circumstances, would render it difficult to do; but to accomplish the work during a Northern Michigan winter, without accident, would be a feat that many persons would have experienced in this class of work thought could not be done. This Capt. Gorton attempted to do, so that navigation might not be interrupted.

The locks at the canal have three pairs of gates, and these have never been replaced since the opening of the canal last summer a pair of new gates were made at Detroit and taken to the Sault. In order to replace these a coffer dam had to be built, the lower lock pumped out, the old gates removed and the new ones put in place. The coffer dam was built; and, of course, under the most unfavorable circumstances, a treacherous foundation for the dam; the freezing and thawing weather—circumstances which would have caused a less energetic man to have postponed the work until a more favorable time. The dam gave way and damaged the old gates, which were no longer fit for use. Is this a sufficient cause to publish a man as incompetent? We think not. Capt. Gorton has two months at least in which to repair the dam again, pump it out and put in the new gates. We have no doubt that he will accomplish it, and have the locks ready for navigation. Should he not do so, it would not prove his incompetency or unfitness for the place. Many engi-

neers in charge of public and private works have had the weather interfere very materially with their calculations, and never had their competency questioned.

Capt. Gorton was appointed to his present position by Gov. Bagley some two years since, and during his administration has given, we believe, entire satisfaction to the state authorities, and has placed the canal in a better condition financially, than it ever was before. We also understand that he has reformed some abuses which had crept into its management previously, which has led to his being most generously abused, and many efforts have been made for his removal; but as he has so managed the affairs under his charge so as to gain the entire confidence of the Governor and state authorities, these efforts have been fruitless. This dispatch to the Free Press probably emanated from the same source as some of the efforts for his removal.

## EDITORIAL NOTES.

The National debt was reduced more than three million dollars during the month of February.

Both Houses of the New York Legislature have passed a joint resolution requesting the Senators and Representatives of that state in Congress to vote against the repeal of the act to resume specie payments in 1879.

A St. Louis bank cashier named Dyer, has mysteriously disappeared, and his absence is rendered more painful to his friends from the fact that he took \$30,000 of the funds of the bank with him. Emotional insanity, no doubt.

According to a "trustworthy" Boston man Gen. Butler is credited with saying in the fall of 1874 that he knew the whole case between Beecher and Tilton, and that Mr. Beecher was not guilty of the offenses charged by Tilton.

Chas. T. Gorton, of Marshall, Mich., has been appointed Assistant Secretary of the Interior by Secretary Chandler, and has accepted the position. The appointment is a good one, and will meet with the approval of all who have known him, either personally, or by reputation. He is a man whose integrity has never been questioned, while his qualifications for the place are undoubted.

Gov. S. C. Ortis has accepted the Republican nomination for Governor of Indiana, and will immediately return home from Austria, where he is now serving as United States Minister, and energetically canvass the state. He is a strong man, and it is predicted, will carry the state by a handsome majority.

The House, last week, passed a bill recommending the people of each county, on the Fourth of July next, to file with the county clerk a copy of the history of the county from its settlement, and send a copy to the Congressional Library. This is a matter which is being attended to in parts of Michigan, and which every county, we hope, will attend to.

Both branches of the Legislature of Maine have passed an act abolishing the death penalty and substituting imprisonment at hard labor for life. A proposal to put the question of a popular vote at the next election was defeated in the Senate, thirteen to eighteen. Maine still follows Michigan in this humane measure after twenty years time.

Don Pedro II, the emperor of Brazil, and the empress, Teresa Christina will leave for the United States on April 1, with a numerous retinue, and \$1,000,000 pocket money. The Philadelphians expect to relieve his majesty of about \$800,000 during his stay in their city. An emperor does not come along every day.

A telegram from Eau Claire, Wis., the head centre of the Chippewa Valley lumbering regions, states that sleighing holds good, and although the season for logging operations opened late, good work put in will not vary much from other years. Nearly 300,000 cords are now being cut. If the cold weather holds on two weeks longer, another 100,000 cords will be added—almost a full stock, and a small one.

The State Temperance Board, appointed at the Jackson convention of July, 1875, has called a State Temperance convention to be held at Good Templars' Hall, Detroit, Wednesday, March 22d, 1876, at 2 o'clock p. m. Temperance men, without regard to past political preferences, are cordially invited to take part in this convention as delegates. Each church, Sabbath school, and temperance organization is entitled to three delegates.

The Cincinnati Commercial states that the Light Guards, of that city, have decided to attend the Centennial, and that they have also declared their intention of marching the entire distance. They are to start about the first of May, with all the necessary camp equipment. As the distance from Cincinnati to Philadelphia is about 500 miles, it will be seen that it will be quite an arduous undertaking for "peace" soldiers.

The entire country was shocked last week, Thursday, by the announcement that Secretary of War Belknap had been guilty of the grossest irregularities in office, and that Congress had instituted impeachment proceedings against him. The crimes charged against him are that his wife has been selling offices for money, and that he was cognizant of the fact and profited by the money. That is not surprising, but that one of the honored and trusted ministers of the Cabinet should thus disgrace himself, shocks the entire nation. He has resigned his position, which has been accepted by the President. Mr. Belknap will undoubtedly be punished for his misdeeds.

## CONDENSED NEWS.

The Emma mine investigation is now in progress. Fifty-five Hungarian villages are entirely submerged.

The New Jersey Republican state convention is called for May 17th. The Sovereigns of Industry are about forming a state camp in Ohio.

The Republican State Convention of New Jersey is called for May 17th. The Democratic caucus still stands divided on the question of finance.

The Rhode Island Republican state convention will be held March 23d.

The New York Greenback men meet in convention at Syracuse, March 15th. Gen. Sheridan advocates the establishment of two forts in the Black Hills country.

The next step in Spanish affairs is to send 50,000 men to quell the Cuban insurrection.

A force of cavalry and infantry has left Fort Tetterman to "operate against the Sioux."

Portugal has got a ship-load of Centennial contributions ready for transportation.

The warm sunshine is latching out millions of young grasshoppers in Minnesota.

What was left of the Geneva award is to be divided up among the insurance companies.

The Mill River, Mass., disaster relief committee have expended \$75,000, and it only cost \$20 to do it.

The arrival in London of Mr. Dearborn, who is to be Winslow's escort back to his native land, is announced.

Indiana school teachers will be taken to the Centennial, kept there five days, and returned, for \$32 each.

The Khedive has promised to send some mummies to the Centennial. Mr. Twain hopes they will be fresh ones.

Crook and Custer are each at the head of an Indian expedition, and Sling Bull and his followers may expect trouble.

Augustine R. McDonald, Scotland swindler to the tune of \$200,000, has been "pulled" by the government at New York.

Eighteen thousand dollars were paid for the privilege of selling cigars and tobacco on the Centennial Exhibition grounds.

It is said that Bowen, in his exit from Pastor Halliday's parlor on that eventful Wednesday night, made the fastest time on record.

Col. Gordon, the African explorer, has been obliged to return to Egypt from the interior on account of insuperable obstacles encountered.

Indian Agent Betts, of Michigan, has received the grand bounty, and Brookway, of Albion, is said to be fighting around for the berth.

A party of forty-five young men left Boston last week for Arizona, being the advance guard of a colony about to settle in the Chiquito Valley.

The Military Academy appropriation bill has at last passed the Senate, and the Pension appropriation bill is being warmly contested in the House.

Gen. Pittier, aged, bankrupt and discouraged, says he wishes he had died when he enjoyed the honor of his country, and had not been a soldier.

Chas. J. Brand, book-keeper of the Ellis City Tobacco bank, of Louisville, stole a \$15,000 check, got it cashed, and departed, eloping with a Louisville belle.

The Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe railroad is nearly finished to Pueblo, Colorado. The Denver & Rio Grande road is being pushed rapidly forward.

Mr. Louis J. Jennings, late editor of the New York Times, has sold out his interest, which consisted of nine shares, for \$100,000, the purchase being Mr. George Jones, the publisher.

A Spanish coast guard vessel undertook to seize an English merchantman near Gibraltar, and before she well knew what she was about, found her crew prisoners aboard the merchantman, steaming away to England.

Two "rashly unfortunate" inhabitants of Chicago who were "washed off" of the city, went into a saloon a few days since, when, after some amiable conversation, one of them drew a pistol, deliberately shot his friend dead, and went to meet the other.

They have a "various" in the Treasury department now. Since Mr. New's appointment he has drawn \$38,900 salary, \$3,000 of which he has paid back to cover deficiencies and to make good losses for which his subordinates were responsible.

Don Carlos isn't so head as reported. He says right in his own words, "I have no intention of laying down arms is not surrender. He has acted on the principle that he who fights and runs away, may live to fight another day."

And that's what he proposes to do.

Bowen has been before the Plymouth meeting house again, and told them that he had enough to convince him of Beecher's guilt, but he could not file and was compelled to be silent. The consequences told on him and Beecher on Beecher as a penalty, and on him for bringing his confidences to a leaky vessel. Beecher and others tried to get him to tell all he knew. Mr. McKay, Mr. Garfield, and Mr. White, and give them the facts, that very moment, which convinced him that Beecher was an adulterer. The names to be kept secret, but Mr. Beecher objected to secrecy. Giving the names of women so long dead left other names open to suspicion. He protested against secrecy. He had no reason for it. Bowen would not consent to do so, and the great secret is forever looked up in his bosom.

## Improvement Association.

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